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City of Barrie

Final

International Relations Committee

Tuesday, June 7, 2022 | **6:00 PM** | **Virtual Meeting**

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT
For consideration by Finance and Corporate Services Committee on June 20, 2022.

The meeting was called to order by Chair, D. Morrison at 6:02 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 18 - Chairman D. Morrison - Arras France
Deputy Mayor B. Ward
Lieutenant Colonel J M Brault - Base Borden
Vice Chair M. Sachkiw - Japan Twinning
B. Brookes - The Borough of Harrogate
C. Byles-Ho - Youth Ambassadors
C. Cudmore - Arras France
R. Gardiner - Japan Twinning
T. Gardiner - Japan Twinning
I. Jodoin - Arras France
G. Johnston - Japan Twinning
L. Lalonde - Arras France
L. LeRoux - The Borough of Harrogate
R. LeRoux - The Borough of Harrogate
H. Noguchi - Japan Twinning
J. M. Pigeon - German Twinning
P. Sachkiw - Japan Twinning
B. Sergeant - The Borough of Harrogate

Absent: 5 - J. Babcock - Youth Ambassadors
J. Laking - German Twinning
L. Palson - Georgian College
K. Shirakura - Georgian College
S. Scully-Pratt - Youth Ambassadors

STAFF:
Committee Support Clerk, T. Maynard.

The International Relations met and reports as follows:

COMMITTEE BUDGET UPDATE

Tammie Maynard, Committee Support Clerk provided an update concerning the Committee's budget.

LEGACY FUND UPDATE

Dave Morrison, Chair provided an update concerning the Legacy Fund. He explained that the Legacy Fund Agreement with the Barrie Community Foundation is now ready and will be forwarded to the Mayor and City Clerk for signatures.

INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS WEBSITE UPDATE

Ciaran Byles-Ho provided an update concerning the International Partners Website. The Committee discussed the potential of having the link to the City of Barrie's live camera feed added to the website.

Mr. Byles-Ho will follow up with staff in Information Technology concerning streaming Barrie's camera feed on the website and will follow up with the Committee at a future meeting.

MURAYAMA, JAPAN UPDATE

Mark Sachkiw provided an update concerning Murayama, Japan. He advised that the Subcommittee has plans to meet soon to start preparing for the 2023 twinning arrangements with Murayama, Japan.

YOUTH AMBASSADORS UPDATE

Dave Morrison, Chair provided an update concerning Murayama, Japan. He anticipates that in 2023 the Youth Ambassador Program will commence with Murayama, Japan.

Dave Morrison advised that he is waiting on confirmation from representatives of Barrie North Collegiate concerning a potential youth exchange with Arras, France.

Dave Morrison advised that he will be meeting with representatives of Moving Arts to discuss the Youth Ambassador Program with the potential opportunity for a relationship with Harrogate, United Kingdom.

Mr. Morrison acknowledged Jeff Toole and his team at Innisdale Secondary School for the remarkable job they have done to keep the Global Perspectives Program going during the pandemic.

GERMAN TWINNING AND GERMAN CANADIAN CLUB UPDATE

Jean Maurice Pigeon provided an update concerning the German Canadian Club. He explained that the German Canadian Club has not met in 2022 but that he anticipates a meeting will be scheduled when from delegates from Germany visit the City of Barrie in September, 2022.

Mr. Pigeon advised that a delegation from the City of Barrie travelled to Zweibrücken, Germany to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of twinning on May 7, 2022, and that a reciprocal visit will take place in September, 2022. He outlined the itinerary for the German delegations visit in September, 2022. He highlighted that the farewell party for the German delegation has been scheduled for September 10, 2022.

Mr Pigeon announced that Hans Etzel will be added as a representative of the German Sub-Committee on the International Relations Committee.

Mark Sachkiw provided a presentation concerning visits to Zweibrucken, Germany, Arras, France and Harrogate, United Kingdom. The presentation included illustrations highlighting the delegations visit to Zweibrücken, Germany to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the twinning with the City of Barrie, and his and Patti Sachkiw's visit to Arras, France and Harrogate, United Kingdom.

HARROGATE, UNITED KINGDOM UPDATE

Mark Sachkiw advised that during his visit to Harrogate, United Kingdom he met with representatives to discuss the potential for a Rugby Sports Team exchange with the City of Barrie and they are interested in pursuing this opportunity.

The Committee approved the expenditure from the International Relations budget up to $5,000.00 to facilitate the potential travel of two members from the Committee to travel to Harrogate, United Kingdom in an effort to organize the first Rugby Sports Team exchange.

ARRAS, FRANCE UPDATE

Dave Morrison provided an update on Arras, France. He advised that he is waiting to hear from Barrie North Collegiate concerning the potential twinning opportunity for students with Arras, France.

SIR ROBERT BARRIE PROJECT UPDATE

Bill Sergeant announced that June 7, 2022 was Sir Robert Barrie Day in Barrie.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

CHAIRMAN